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56. (Amended) A plurality of nucleic acids comprising one or more of the nucleic acid sequences selected from the group consisting of ~~RIS~~MARKER 1.

REMARKS

Upon entry of the above amendments, claims 48-51 and 54-56 are pending. The claims have been amended to correspond to elections made in response to a restriction requirement, which accompanies this amendment. A marked up version of the claims showing changes made is attached hereto as **Appendix A** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(ii).

Applicants believe that no fee is due with the submission of this Preliminary Amendment. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-601 (Cura-101).

CONCLUSION

On the basis of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and request the same. If there are any questions regarding these amendments and remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

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APPENDIX A
MARKED UP VERSION OF CLAIMS SHOWING CHANGES MADE

48. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid comprising a nucleic acid sequence selected from the group consisting of a RISKMARKER 1 nucleic acid, [a RISKMARKER 6-8 nucleic acid,] and their complements.
54. (Amended) A kit which detects two or more of the nucleic acid sequences selected from the group consisting of RISKMARKER 1[, and RISKMARKER 6-8].
55. (Amended) An array which detects one or more of the nucleic acid sequences selected from the group consisting of RISKMARKER 1[, and RISKMARKER 6-8].
56. A plurality of nucleic [acid] acids comprising one or more of the nucleic acid sequences selected from the group consisting of RISKMARKER 1[, and RISKMARKER 6-8].